

VERMONT NEWS.

Memorial Tower Dedicated.

The Ethan Allen memorial tower at Ethan Allen Park, Burlington, was dedicated Wednesday, Bennington battle day, thousands of persons from all over the state and elsewhere being present. The parade which opened the day's events, was one of the largest military parades ever seen in Burlington and was composed of most of the troops at Fort Ethan Allen and the Vermont National Guard, followed by the speakers and invited guests in carriages.

The exercises included the presentation of the land by William J. Van Patten, Esq., followed by the presentation of the tower, the presentation of flags by Miss Mary Roberts, regent of the Society of the Daughters of the Revolution, and the acceptance for the society by President H. D. Holton, M. D. The raising of the flag furnished one of the most inspiring events of the day. The crowd sang the Star Spangled Banner, while the United States battery fired the salute. Rev. G. Glenn Atkins, D. D., offered the prayer of dedication and a strong original poem was read by Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr of Rutland. Vice President Fairbanks made the address of the day and was enthusiastically received. He paid the following tribute to Ethan Allen in his speech: "Ethan Allen was an inspiring and picturesque figure. He was, it is said, 'eccentric and ambitious,' but he was instinct with love of liberty, he was foe of the oppressor and a lover of home and kindred. He was a natural leader of men, resourceful, bold in enterprise and courageous in execution. He was loyal to his people and unwavering in his attachment to his cause. Nothing could tempt him, nothing could swerve him from his fidelity to them. The dominant note of his character was illustrated in his bold and swift seizure of Ticonderoga, when he demanded the surrender of the British in the name of the Great Jehovah and the continental congress."

Governor Bell spoke for Vermont extending congratulations upon the success of the occasion and upon the patriotic spirit manifested. Vermont is honored in having such numerous representatives of the United States to speak words of praise for Vermont of which we are all so proud.

Congratulations were also extended by Secretary Ethan Allen Hitchcock, representing the president of the United States; Congressman D. J. Foster of Burlington, President General of the Sons of the American Revolution, James D. Hancock, and Gov. John McLean of New Hampshire. A banquet was given at the Van Ness house in the evening.

Alfanced Couple Killed.
Harris P. Lindsley, New York deputy police commissioner and society man, and his fiancée, Miss Evelyn Pierpont Willing of Chicago, who was a member of the firm of Marshall, Field & Co., were instantly killed at Pikes crossing near Bennington, last week Monday in a collision between the automobile in which they were riding and a train on a branch division of the Rutland railroad. Willing's nephew, Ambrose, of Chicago, was slightly injured, and the chauffeur, Jesse Adamson of New York, was badly hurt, but will recover. The automobile was smashed to pieces, and afterwards was destroyed by fire. It was a big touring machine. Mr. Lindsley and Miss Willing occupied the back seat of the car. The accident occurred while the party were traveling up a steep grade leading over a crossing. There is a curve near the crossing and Adamson did not see the train until it was upon them. The engineer and fireman did not see the automobile until it was too late to stop the train. The locomotive tender struck the rear seat of the automobile which was thrown about 60 feet. Lindsley was killed instantly and Miss Willing lived but a few minutes.

Miss Willing, with two aunts, the Misses Skinner of Chicago, and Mr. Lindsley were spending the month at the Equine house in Manchester. The party had made a run to Williamstown, Mass., having at the Greylock Inn, on the return journey. Miss Willing was the great granddaughter of the late Gov. Richard Skinner, and the granddaughter of Mark Skinner of Manchester. Her mother, Mrs. Willing, gave the Mark Skinner library to the town of Manchester. Mark Skinner, Willing of Chicago, brother of Miss Willing, is now the surviving member of the family. Miss Willing had a personal fortune of \$400,000 and had traveled extensively in this country and Europe. She was about 28 years old, and Mr. Lindsley was 35. The two bodies were taken to Manchester and buried in the Skinner family lot. Mr. Lindsley and Miss Willing were to have been married this week at Manchester.

Chooses Delegates.
Gov. Bell has appointed the following delegates to represent Vermont at the national conference upon immigration, to be held in the city of New York, December 6 and 7, under the auspices of the National Civic Federation. Cassius Peck of Burlington, James K. Curtis of Georgia, George H. Terrill of Morrisville, H. M. Farnham of East Montpelier, C. A. Bump of St. Albans, E. W. Johnson of the Lowell, G. W. Young of St. Johnsbury, L. M. Cragin of Springfield, C. W. Cram of Williamstown, W. R. Bell of Lunenburg. This conference promises to be a most important, gathering and any topic relating to immigration and its effect upon national life and industries is to be discussed.

Among some of the most prominent questions assigned for discussion are these:

What is the character of the net increase in the population of the United States from immigration?

Should existing legislation looking to the elevation of this class through the exclusion of undesirable elements be extended and made more effective, and if so, how?

Should there be any change in the system of inspection, such as having it made at ports of departure, or at the home sources of emigration, or at both?

Are there any external influences tending to stimulate the volume of immigration?

What are the nature, extent, and locality of the demands in the United States for more labor?

What domestic industries and what labor crafts are most affected by the influx of alien labor, and in what ways?

What percentage of European immigration remains in the ports of arrival, such as New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore?

What practical method can be devised for distributing immigration, especially for agriculture to points where it may be needed?

What will the effect of the distribution of a large number of immigration in the South be upon the problem of industrial

education and social betterment of the negro race?

Should the exclusion of Chinese coolie labor be made more rigid, and should it be extended to Japanese and Korean labor?

How shall the admission of exempted classes of Asiatics, such as scholars, merchants and tourists, be regulated?

Foreign Wars Society.

The annual meeting of the Vermont Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars, was held at the headquarters of the First Infantry, Vermont National Guard, at the state camp ground, Thursday evening, Maj. Charles M. Bonett, of St. Johnsbury, commander, presiding. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Commander, Capt. Cornelius M. Brownell, of Burlington; Vice Commander, Capt. H. Edward Dyer, of Rutland; Secretary, Lieut. George R. Anderson, of Brattleboro; Treasurer, Lieut. Charles H. Landon, of Rutland; Registrar, Lieut. William W. Russell, of White River Junction; Judge Advocate, Capt. John Conklin Jr., U.S.A.; Surgeon, Maj. James N. Jenne, of Burlington; Chaplain, Lieut. Merton C. Robbins, of Chicago; Deputy Secretary, Capt. Charles P. Burnham, of Burlington; Committee on Companionship, Capt. Edgar J. Badger, of Barre, Capt. Henry W. Ellis, of St. Johnsbury, Lieut. John L. Greenwood, of Northfield, Lieut. George R. Anderson, of Brattleboro, Lieut. Walter E. Stirling, of Montpelier; Committee on Nominations, Col. Osman D. Clark, of Montpelier, Lieut. J. Harry Estey, of Brattleboro, Maj. Charles M. Bonett, of St. Johnsbury; Vice-Commander-General, Capt. Arthur G. Eaton, of Montpelier; Delegates to National Commandery, Lieut. J. Harry Estey, of Brattleboro, Lieut. William W. Russell, of White River Junction, Lieut. Edward P. Woodbury, of Burlington, Lieut. Alfred M. Mason, U.S.A., Lieut. Edgar N. Miller, of Brandon; Alternates, Capt. Frank L. Howe, of Northfield, Capt. Weston B. Pettit, of Montpelier, Col. Osman D. Clark, of Montpelier, Lieut. Merton C. Robbins, of Chicago, Lieut. Thomas G. Carswell, of Barre.

The beautiful gold and enamel insignia of the order was presented Past Commander Bonett on behalf of the commandery in a neat speech by Maj. Henry W. Hovey, U.S.A.

Annual Muster.
Camp Governor Bell, with its officers and men aggregating 700 in number under command of Col. J. Gray Estey of Brattleboro, comprising the 1st Infantry, Vermont National Guard, has been characterized by hard work and busy military activity during the stay in camp.

On Saturday morning regular routine went into effect and the teams chosen for the competitive shoot for the centennial trophy went to the target range. The contestants fired at 200 and 300-yard ranges. It was predicted at the close of the day's shooting that company 1 of Brattleboro would win the trophy, and the prediction was fulfilled on Monday when at 500 yards the competition was finished and Company 1 brought its total up to 1228.

Friday last was Governor's day, the most interesting occasion for the public of any of the muster. The regiment was reviewed by Governor Bell, accompanied by his staff and a few other state officials. Following the review the service medals were presented to the members of the Guard who had served 30, 20, 15, ten and five years in the militia. Col. C. M. Bonett of St. Johnsbury was the only one to receive the twenty-year service badge.

Following are the successful marksmen detailed from the regiment to participate in the rifle match at Sea Girt, N.J., and the men started Saturday morning: C. M. Bonett, coach; Major H. E. Dyer, Dis. officer; Captain C. F. Burnham, team captain; Capt. P. J. Rogers, Lieut. J. C. Holden, Lieut. H. M. Howe, Sergeant D. F. Coombs, Company A; Capt. L. F. Tillotson, Company B; Lieut. F. P. Johnson, Company C; Lieut. Hastings, Company D; Lieut. Jas. Dean, Company E; Lieut. C. L. Moore, Company F; Lieut. H. B. Moulton, Company G; Sergeant C. A. Tenney, Company I; Private C. R. Powell, Company I; Private L. B. Spooner, Company M.

W. C. T. U. Convention.
The annual state convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in Swanton September 27, 28 and 29. It is anticipated that it will be the largest convention the organization has ever held in the state and many visitors are expected. An interesting program is being prepared and efforts are being made to secure the services of two national organizers and lecturers, as well as other interesting speakers.

New State Golf Champion.
Alverse L. White of Boston on Friday added the title of Vermont state golf champion to that of intercollegiate champion, by defeating Percy H. Jennings of New York, in the final 36 hole contest on the Mount Anthony club's links at Bennington by 5 up and 3 to play. The defeat of Jennings was due to overexertion on the putting greens in the morning.

At the annual meeting of the Vermont State Golf association these officers were elected: President, Paul Waterman, Elkanah Clark; secretary and treasurer, William H. Dunn of Rutland.

Cup for Gen. Gilmore.
A very pleasant gathering of Gov. Bell's staff and ladies took place at the Van Ness House parlors Friday evening, the immediate object of the assembly being to present Adjutant-General W. H. Gilmore a beautifully wrought silver loving cup in testimony of the high esteem and love of the entire staff. Chief of Staff Col. F. S. Billings made the presentation in very sincere and felicitous words. He was followed by Gen. N. G. Williams, Gov. C. J. Bell and others, endorsing and seconding the sentiments expressed. General Gilmore was too much overcome to say much in response beyond thanking the donors for this earnest expression of their good will.

Weatherfield Loses Case.
In Windsor county court the case of Edward P. Skinner v. Town of Weatherfield, which has been on trial for the past two weeks, resulted Friday in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$4,466.67 and the costs. The action was one in

which the plaintiff sought to recover \$5,000 for injury sustained by him.

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Barre Telegram Did Not Pay.

The Barre Telegram, which for several years was an evening newspaper and more recently was made a morning sheet, has suspended publication for financial reasons which is equivalent to saying for want of support. The Telegram was published by The Telegram Publishing Co., William Gardner Bradford, editor, and A. Q. Miller, business manager.

Ella Barton of Middlebury aged 15 years, was drowned Friday in Lake Dunmore, while boating. Her companion in the boat, Hamilton Dutcher of Orange, N.J., was rescued by campers. He is the 16 years old son of Prof. Edward Dutcher formerly of St. Albans. The boat capsized as the occupants were attempting to change their seats.

Four hundred and ten gallons of wine were spilled by the Barre Police Thursday afternoon, back of the postoffice building. The wine was seized from Italians, who were raided some time ago, and is valued at \$4,000.

William Landon of St. Albans, proprietor of the Park View house, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$3,935.57 and assets of \$1,656, of which \$200 is claimed exempt.

The members of the state board of health, Drs. H. D. Holton of Brattleboro, T. R. Stiles of St. Johnsbury and C. S. Caverly of Rutland, held a regular meeting at the Van Ness House last week. Superintendent of Education M. S. Stone of Montpelier was present and looked over with the members of the board the circular of instructions, to be issued to superintendents of education, principals and school teachers, with reference to the examination of the eyes and ears of pupils, in accordance with the act of the last legislature.

Robert Todd, aged 76 years, died recently at the House of Correction of partial paralysis and old age. He had been in ill health for about four weeks. Todd, together with his wife, who is 80 years old, was committed to the House of Correction March 31, being convicted of arson by the Rutland county court and sentenced to serve from two to three years. The crime for which Mr. and Mrs. Todd were tried and found guilty was the burning of the farm house and three barns of Bela Churchill in Chittenden on the night of October 2, 1904. Mr. Churchill was caring for the aged couple at the town's expense.

The most distressing accident that has ever happened in the vicinity of Bellows Falls occurred there Wednesday afternoon when the express from Boston crashed into a carriage containing John Leach of East Putney, and George Jenna of Langdon, N.H. Both men and the horse met instant death. The team had stopped at the crossing at the New Hampshire end of the stone arch bridge across the Connecticut river just below the station to let the approaching train pass. The horse became frightened and started forward, and the wagon was caught by the train and dragged out upon the bridge from where it fell to the rocks 100 feet below. The men were unable to jump and went to a terrible fate. Both are farmers. Jenna left a widow and eight-year-old child. Leach was at one time proprietor of the Commercial House at Bellows Falls.

Mrs. Eugene Randall, of Springfield, is said to be the youngest daughter of a Revolutionary soldier in the country, and has a gold spoon bestowed on her by the Daughters of the American Revolution of Springfield. Her father, formerly of Charlestown, N.H., accompanied troops when he was 14 years old.

William Alexander Comings of East Berkshire, a well known Franklin county man, died Friday morning, in his 80th year. He was one of seven children of Andrew and Betsey Jewett Comings, who were among the earliest settlers of the town of Berkshire. He was an ardent prohibitionist and was frequently nominated for public office by the prohibition party. Last September he was the candidate of his party for judge of probate. He is survived by his wife, formerly Mary C. Fletcher of Enosburg, three children, Homer F. Comings, Dr. Fred W. Comings, of Derby, and Mrs. E.M. Brown, of Sheldon, and one brother, Andrew Comings of Oberlin, Ohio, who is 88 years old.

Arrangements have been made to celebrate Old Home Week in Timmuth, September 7. Governor Bell and ex-Gov. W. W. Stickney have promised to be present and speak.

Dr. Jose de J. Paul of Venezuela, who has been at Northfield representing his country before the Frank Plumley, to whom contested damage claims of France against Venezuela, resulting from the Venezuelan insurrection of 1901, were given for adjudication, left for New York Wednesday. He sailed for Caracas Thursday. Count Peretti de la Rocca of France will go to Newport for a few days as the guest of Mr. Plumley before returning home. The documents covering the entire proceedings were handed to the commissioner Wednesday. At the final official meeting Count Peretti and Dr. Paul expressed most cordial appreciation of their association with Mr. Plumley, and formally felicitated each other upon the agreeable and pleasant attitude maintained by each toward the other in the work of the commission.

John Gregory, of Watsfield, tells of a curious find in his town recently. In a field that has been plowed and cultivated for years an old casket in a good state of preservation has been exhumed. The casket was of the kind used in old Revolutionary days and the brass nails were intact. The body inside the casket has been identified as being that of the brother of General Waite, a hero of the Revolutionary War and one of the first settlers of Watsfield. The body was reburied with due honor. An appropriate monument will be erected over the new resting place and at that time the town of Watsfield will observe the event with great ceremony.

According to a despatch there has been left to the town of Bennington \$8,000 by the terms of the will of George E. F. Dodge, of Nashua, N.H. There are 100 beneficiaries named in the will, the total amount distributed being \$150,000. Mr. Dodge was a former resident of Chicago. About two years ago it was announced that a man named Dodge had left \$8,000 to build a library in Bennington but Mr. Dodge was never heard of further, and no track of the money was ever heard. It is probable that the present bequest is the old one revamped.

A. D. Robbins has purchased the Hotel Phoenix, Hyde Park, and will take possession September 1. He will take entire control of both hotel and livery and run them himself. Mr. Robbins has had large experience in this line, having run the hotels at Johnson and Eden Mills.

The famous bankruptcy case of Marvin A. McClure, which grew out of the robbing of the Merchants National Bank of Rutland has been settled by referee E. H. O'Brien. Eleven claims were proved, aggregating over \$135,000 of which the receiver for this bank holds over \$134,000. A dividend was declared of one and a fraction cents on a dollar. This with the \$10,000 collected on McClure's installment piano sales, will enable the receiver to pay the fifteen per cent. balance due depositors.

The Forest Service has begun a study of woods for special uses, and will this season take up coopers woods, box and basket woods, vehicle and implement woods, and woods for street paving. The assistance of the public in these investigations is earnestly desired, and suggestions concerning any phase of them will be gladly received by the Office of Forest Products, Forest Service, Washington, D.C.

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Trees and Lightning.

About the most dangerous place to seek shelter in a thunderstorm is under an oak or elm tree, as was proved again by the experience of a dozen persons in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, only a short time ago. This fact has long been known to scientists, but many persons are killed every year by lightning because of the lack or disregard of this knowledge.

The total annual loss of life by lightning is not known, for complete statistics on the subject have never been kept. A few years ago the United States Weather Bureau attempted something of the kind in a tentative way. Its experts figured out the average number of persons killed by lightning yearly in the United States as 312. But this was not complete. From several states in the Union the weather bureau received no reports.

The reports received did show that of all that lightning killed only a few were struck in the open field. Most of the killed and injured, it was found, had sought shelter from thunderstorms under trees, in doorways of barns or near chimneys.

While no record of the kinds of trees most often struck by lightning has ever been kept in the United States, the Lightning Rod Conference held in England in 1881 reported that in the United Kingdom the trees most often struck were the elm, oak, ash and poplar. It also said that the beech, birch and maple were seldom touched by lightning.

For a period of 11 years in the Principality of Lippe-Detmold exhaustive records were kept of all trees struck by lightning. These showed that the trees standing near water seemed to be the most likely to be hit and gave this table of comparative danger: Oaks, 100; elms, 77; pines, 33; firs, 10; fir trees in general, 27; beeches, by far the safest of all forest trees, 2.—[New York Sun.]

Decrease in Pension List.

The Boston pension office has forwarded to the bureau in Washington the following report for the New England district for July: Number of pensioners on roll June 30, 1905, 60,407; added to roll during month, 302; dropped by death, 456; dropped by other causes, 119; total loss during month, 575; number of pensioners on roll July 31, 1905, 60,134; net loss during month, 273. Number of certificates received during month, 727. Number of Spanish War pensioners on roll, 34,345, 633; widows, 406; total, 1,039. Survivors of the war with Mexico, 43. Widows of the War 1812, 26. The total amount disbursed on account of army and navy pensions during the month was \$42,189.01. The loss by death for the month was heavier than usual.

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Probate of Will.

NANCY R. WESSON'S ESTATE.
STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said District, on the 7th day of Aug., A. D. 1905.

An instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Nancy R. Wesson, late of St. Johnsbury, in said District, deceased, being presented to court by Mrs. M. Bacon, the Executor therein named for probate; It is ordered by said Court that all the heirs and next of kin be notified to appear at a session of said court, to be held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury on the 20th day of Aug., A. D. 1905, and show the cause, if any they may have, against the probate of said will; for which purpose it is further ordered that a copy of the record of this order be published three weeks successively in the Caledonian, printed at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing.

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